



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://youtu.be/XDQv-18legw>.

ROLL CALL:

On a roll call at 18:00, members present were, namely: **Commission Chair Descoteaux , Commissioner Krieger, Commissioner Howe, Commissioner Mercier, and Commissioner Taing.**

MINUTES:

- 0 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for July 27, 2023.

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes and place minutes on file for the Lowell License Commission Meeting of Thursday, June 22, 2023; seconded by Commissioner Taing. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 1 Application by the City of Lowell's Mayor's Office for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for live & recorded music, and MC for a Lowell Backpack Event for Back to School, to be held Sunday, August 27, 2023, from Noon to 3 PM at Sheehay Park, 499 Pawtucket Street.

Mr. Mwangi presented their plan for a back-to-school block party and requested a time adjustment for the event (2-6PM); he estimated 1000 attendees throughout the day. Commission Chair Descoteaux confirmed police involvement.

Motion to approve the application by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 2 Ratification of an application by Rothanak Sarath for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for announcements for a Cornhole Tournament, held Sunday, August 6, 2023, from Noon to 5 PM at Clemente Park, 803 Middlesex Street.

Motion to ratify the application by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 3 Ratification of an application by Vinh Le for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages Only," for the 2023 Folk Festival, held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from Noon to 7 PM at 175 Merrimack Street.

Mr. Le spoke about his experience, participating in the festival for the first time.

Motion to ratify the application by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 4 Application by Taylor Schlacter, Patriot Care Corp., for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for recorded music and MC for a Lowell Cannabist Block Party, to be held Saturday August 26, 2023, from Noon to 4 PM on the grounds at 70 Industrial Avenue East.

Mr. Schlacter described the event as a miniature block party with local vendors, food, and recorded music. Captain Peaslee assured that there were no problems during the event last year, and that the LPD anticipates the same for this year.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 5 Application by Evan Kretikos, Trend Restaurant, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for Live & Recorded Music on their patio, seasonally 4 to 9 PM, Saturdays and some Sundays, at 19 Merrimack Street.

Mr. Kretikos joined the meeting on Zoom. Commission Chair Descoteaux confirmed that the entertainment on the patio will happen on most Saturdays and some Sundays, excluding those when the restaurant prefers not to organize events or weather prevents it. Mr. Kretikos explains that entertainment will usually consist of live music, mainly cover bands. Commissioner Descoteaux expressed concern about noise levels, and Mr. Kretikos reassured the Commission that he would be considerate of the residents. Commissioner Krieger asked about the duration of the permit, to which Mr. Kretikos requested it be seasonal – summer/fall.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Taing. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 6 Application by Lou Aurelio, Lowell Management Group, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages and Wines only," outside on Lowell Memorial Auditorium grounds for the 'Lowell Irish Festival,' to be held Saturday, September 23, 2023, from Noon to 11:00 PM at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack Street.

Mr. Aurelio described the interactive activities planned for the festival and mentioned that Joshua Tree would headline the event.

Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 7 Applications by Steve Syverson, for two "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines only," for the following events at Arts League of Lowell, 307 Market Street:
- a. Saturday, August 19, 2023, 3-5 PM: Bonita Reception.
 - b. Saturday, September 30, 2023, 3-5 PM: Exposed Reception.

Mr. Syverson explained his exactly prompt arrival just before he was called to the stand. Commissioner Krieger inquired about the "Exposed" reception, which Mr. Syverson clarified refers to photography.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 8 Application by Ellen Casazza for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for the "Happy to be Here" artist's reception on Saturday September 9, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Curation 250, 250 Jackson Street.

Ms. Casazza described the artist's reception and confirmed a TIPS Certified bartender would be present.

Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 9 Application by Jonathan Northridge, Lowell Humane Society, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense All Alcoholic Beverages" for the "Lowell Humane Society's 150th Anniversary Celebration" to be held on Thursday September 14, 2023, from 6 to 10 PM at UTEC, 35 Warren Street.

Mr. Northridge explained the fundraising event's significance and planned activities, including a live auction. Commission Chair Descoteaux inquired after pugs.

Move approval by Commissioner Howe; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 10 Request for a public hearing for an application by Still Thirsty LLC [d/b/a] Thirsty First Tavern, Bernadette Goose, proposed license manager, for an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for premises at 103 Market Street. It is requested that legal notice be published in local newspaper, and public hearing to be held on August 24, 2023, at 6 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Taing to hold a public hearing at the August 24, 2023, meeting of the Lowell License Commission, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 11 Request for a public hearing for an application by SLS Café LLC [d/b/a] Dragonfly Cafe, Sherri Sarrouf, proposed license manager, for an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for premises at 165 Thorndike Street. It is requested that legal notice be published in local newspaper, and public hearing to be held on August 24, 2023, at 6 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Krieger to hold a public hearing at the August 24, 2023, meeting of the Lowell License Commission, seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 12 Request for a hearing for an application by Lemon Tree Food Shops Inc., Mina Guirgus, proposed license manager, for a "Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store" license for premises at 220 Appleton Street. It is requested that legal notice be published in local newspaper, and public hearing to be held on August 24, 2023, at 6 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Mercier to hold a public hearing at the August 24, 2023, meeting of the Lowell License Commission, seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:17, seconded by Commissioner Howe. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

*Submitted by: John Pyers
Executive Secretary*



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Commissioner Descoteaux [18:01]

Good evening. Welcome to the August 10 meeting of the Lowell License Commission. Secretary Pyers, was the meeting posted?

Secretary Pyers

It was.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Roll call please.

Secretary Pyers

Commission Chair Descoteaux.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Yeah.

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Krieger

Commissioner Krieger

Here.

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Howe

Commissioner Howe

Here.

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Mercier

Commissioner Mercier

Here.

Secretary Pyers

Commissioner Taing.

Commissioner Taing

Here.

Secretary Pyers

Five present. Zeroth is the acceptance of the July 27, 2023, minutes.



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Commissioner Krieger

Move approval.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Taing All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? motion carries. Number one of the agenda, please.

Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name and your address.

Erastus Mwangi

Hi, my name is Erastus Mwangi, threes, 375 Merrimack Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Great and we're, what's the city planning on doing here?

Erastus Mwangi

We are planning to do a back-to-school block party. And this is in partnership with the mayor's office, city manager, CMA and T and the gents and we're hosting this event on on August 27, at the Sheehay Park from actually time adjustment from two to six. And initial the initial permit says 12 to...

Commissioner Descoteaux

Great, how many people do you anticipate being there?

Erastus Mwangi

I'll say about at least we are I'll say about 1000.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Ah, 1000. So not 1000 at once but in and out all day, right? Now, to Captain Peaslee: We all set? Make sure we send a cruiser. Make sure.

Captain David Peaslee

Yes, we'll be involved in this.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Great appreciate it that questions comments? move approval by Commissioner Krieger second by Commissioner Howe All in favor signify by saying 'aye Aye. Aye. Any opposed? motion carries. All set. Thank you.

Erastus Mwangi

Thank you have a nice night.

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Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Motion made by Commissioner Mercier to ratify seconded by Commissioner Howe. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? motion carries Next please.

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Secretary Pyers

Ratification of an application by Vinh Le for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages Only," for the 2023 Folk Festival, held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from Noon to 7 PM at 175 Merrimack Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Motion made by Commissioner Tang seconded by Commissioner Mercier. I'm sorry, I didn't see you standing up there Vinh. It was good to meet you the other day. How was business?

Vinh Le

Everything was good.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Everything was good.

Vinh Le

Except for Saturday. Saturday was a big rain day.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Yeah, that was that was one of the days you didn't want it to rain. That's the one but you had a good Sunday.

Vinh Le

We had a good Sunday. Yes.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. All right. Motion was on the floor by Commissioner

Secretary Pyers

Taing.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Taing, seconded by

Secretary Pyers

Mercier

Commissioner Descoteaux

Mercier. All in favor signify by saying 'aye? Aye. Aye. Oppose. You're all set. Thank you for coming here. All right, you will.

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Secretary Pyers

Application by Taylor Schlacter, Patriot Care Corp., for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for recorded music and MC for a Lowell Cannabist Block Party, to be held Saturday August 26, 2023, from Noon to 4 PM on the grounds at 70 Industrial Avenue East. Taylor is joining us by zoom.

Taylor Schlacter

Hey, how's everyone doing tonight?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Taylor, how are you?

Taylor Schlacter

Doing very well. Thank you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Are we good? Can you just give us your address, please?

Taylor Schlacter

Sure. 70 Industrial lab east in Lowell.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Very good. Tell us about your event.

Taylor Schlacter

So it's going to be the same occurrence from last year and that we're just entirely on the premises. I'm going to be hosting a miniature, you know, kind of block party with some local vendors and local food.

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And I think last year, we had, you know, two to three dozen people come through, throughout the entire event not all at once, from 12 to four. So I don't imagine we'll get too, too much traffic, but should be a fun time. Regardless, I know the staff really enjoyed it last year as well. So

Commissioner Descoteaux

Understanding where you're where you are, how many people how many cars are you anticipating? And if so, if you think it'd be overcrowding your parking lot, will you have access to the other businesses that are probably closed on that day?

Taylor Schlacter

Yes, and I think we'll have ample parking. It was nowhere near an issue last year, and I don't know that it will be this year.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Captain Peaslee.

Captain David Peaslee

Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. The event last year had no problems. We don't anticipate any problems this year either.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Commissioners any questions for the applicant? **Move approval by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Mercier.** All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? the motion carries.

Taylor Schlacter

Thank you very much.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good luck good luck with your event.

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Secretary Pyers

Application by Evan Kretikos, Trend Restaurant, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for Live & Recorded Music on their patio, seasonally 4 to 9 PM, Saturdays and some Sundays, at 19 Merrimack Street. Evan is joining us on Zoom.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, Evan.

Evan Kretikos

Hi there. How's it going? Guys?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good. Could you just state your address for us, please?

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Evan Kretikos

19 Merrimack street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

You can do a video there, Evan.

Evan Kretikos

I'm attempting to turn it on now, sorry.

Commissioner Descoteaux

All right.

Evan Kretikos

I'm not good with this zoom stuff.

Commissioner Descoteaux

I didn't know if you were doing the dishes or anything?

Evan Kretikos

No, no. I'm here. It's a so it's making me quit and come back,

Commissioner Descoteaux

Don't worry about it. But don't worry about it. All right. So the amplified outdoor entertaining will be in the patio in the back there. Correct?

Evan Kretikos

Correct, Yes.

Commissioner Descoteaux

And four to nine. Saturday and some Sundays. Can you be a little bit more specific when you mean some Sundays.

Evan Kretikos

So some Sundays meaning like we're not going to be doing an event every Sunday just because like some Sundays we like to sleep in. So if we kind of like book an event with with like a band or something like that, on the Sunday between those hours, that would be like the only sort of events we'd be doing on Sundays. But it wouldn't happen every Sunday. Whereas Saturday would be basically every Saturday.

Commissioner Descoteaux

What type of outdoor entertainment we...

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Evan Kretikos

dance and whatnot, similar to kind of like the Summer Music Series or like the Folk Festival kind of, you know, environment that sort of just music that's going to be a little bit louder than regular casual background music.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay, you just perked my ears up a little bit. What are we talking heavy metal band here? What?

Evan Kretikos

No, no, no, no, like cover bands Bon Jovi, Okay, that's, yeah.

Commissioner Descoteaux

No, no, I just I want to I want to be sure. I mean, it's - even at nine o'clock. There's there's people that are in that neighborhood that have apartments and condominiums there and we don't want to upset them. So I want to make sure that we're on the same wavelength. That's all.

Evan Kretikos

Absolutely. Absolutely.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Okay. Commissioner Krieger question.

Commissioner Krieger

How long are you asking for this license for? How many Saturdays out? Or are you asking From now until the cows come home?

Evan Kretikos

I'm pretty much just the summertime. We're not really looking to do this during the wintertime, just while the summers you know, still hot. Not too much time left on that anyways, but

Commissioner Descoteaux

so basically, you're gonna take it by whatever the weather is. So if it's if it's a 80 degree Day on October 28, you're gonna have a band?

Evan Kretikos

Correct? Yes. Okay. All right.

Commissioner Descoteaux

I just want to make sure I understood. Any other commissioners winning any questions for Mr. Kretikos? What's the wish of the body?

Commissioner Krieger

Move approval.

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger, seconded by Commissioner Taing, all in favor signify by saying Aye? Any opposed? You're all set. Evan. Good luck.

Evan Kretikos

Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good luck with the events. Thank you.



Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, sir. state your name for the record.

Lou Aurelio

Lou Aurelio

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you, Lou?

Lou Aurelio

Very well, thank you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good. Good, good, good. Good. So tell us about your event. We halfway to St. Patty's Day. Is that what it is?

Lou Aurelio

You know, I think that's kind of is the theme. Yeah, on this event. It will be very interactive for both adults and children. Very good. I'll type of activities available on the grounds outside from from train rides to miniature golf to different types of arts and crafts, food vendors. Of course, you know, the big draw is the band. Joshua Tree is the main is the main act on that. That will be set up on the stage there right on the river on the right hand side.

Commissioner Descoteaux

I know Captain Peaslee has his kilt, right, ready. So if you need any help there. Any questions or comments?

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Commissioner Howe

Move approval

Commissioner Descoteaux

Move approval by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Krieger. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? You're all set Lou. You always do a good job over there.

Lou Aurelio

All right, thank you, see you all there.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Take care. All right. All right, actually.



Secretary Pyers

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name for the record.

Steve Syverson

Steve Syverson

Commissioner Descoteaux

Steve that was good timing.

Steve Syverson

Yeah

Commissioner Descoteaux

You came right in here. Right. Two minutes before.

Steve Syverson

I was sleeping in my chair and the alarm went off. I'm glad I set the alarm.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger seconded by Commissioner Howe. All in favor? say aye. Again. Oh, you had a question. I'm sorry.

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Commissioner Krieger

About exposed reception. That's not a clothing issue.

Steve Syverson

We're not talking about it.

Commissioner Descoteaux

That's why we should just give them a license.

Commissioner Krieger

Good luck.

Steve Syverson

Oh, you skipped over that? No, it's just exposed as in photography.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Fantastic. Always do a good job there, Steve. So I'm sure I joined who made a motion.

Commissioner Krieger

Yes, you're all set. Oh, we're

Steve Syverson

all set. Steve good.

Secretary Pyers

Got the money now. You can drop it with Captain Peaslee

Commissioner Descoteaux

There you go. Watch out watch out where he puts that

Secretary Pyers

I trust you.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Thanks, Steve. Take care.

Secretary Pyers

Application by Ellen Casazza for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for the "Happy to be Here" artist's reception on Saturday September 9, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Curation 250, 250 Jackson Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name and address for the record.



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Ellen Casazza

Ellen Casazza, 250 Jackson Street fifth floor.

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you, Ellen?

Ellen Casazza

I'm doing great.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good. What do we got going on?

Ellen Casazza

An artist's reception for Derrick Raymond entitled happy to be here. Probably like 25 to 30 people over the course of a few hours.

Commissioner Descoteaux

TIPS certified bartender?

Ellen Casazza

Yes

Commissioner Descoteaux

Fantastic; questions or comments for Ellen? What move approval by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? motion carries. Ellen always good seeing you.

Ellen Casazza

Same.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good luck with your event. Alright.

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Secretary Pyers

Application by Jonathan Northridge, Lowell Humane Society, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense All Alcoholic Beverages" for the "Lowell Humane Society's 150th Anniversary Celebration" to be held on Thursday September 14, 2023, from 6 to 10 PM at UTEC, 35 Warren Street.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good evening, state your name and your address for the record.

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Jonathan Northridge

Yes. Jonathan Northridge and the shelter is 951 Broadway Street Lowell,

Commissioner Descoteaux

How are you, Jonathan?

Jonathan Northridge

I'm doing alright. How are you?

Commissioner Descoteaux

Good. Tell us about your event.

Jonathan Northridge

Yeah, so it's basically you know, one of those fundraisers but we're trying to make it extra special because it's our 150th anniversary. We're in like the top 10 oldest in the country so as to you as well. So yeah, we are we're going to have a live auction as well as you know, the other kind of like fundraiser games that you would see especially with stuff that like you know, the boys and girls have it do at Lowell Memorial, very similar setup, just looking to kind of bring the community together. You're all invited. So I hope you come. And yeah, just looking to raise some money for some homeless pets in the community.

Commissioner Descoteaux

That's a good thing. I like that. Questions or comments for Jonathan.

Commissioner Howe

No questions move approval.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Move approval by Commissioner Howe, seconded by Commissioner Krieger All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? motion carries. Jonathan, you got any, you got any pugs,

Jonathan Northridge

Any pugs?

Commissioner Descoteaux

My wife needs a pug, because you're

Jonathan Northridge

If you're looking for a pity we got those, but, uh...

Commissioner Descoteaux

I'll be in touch.

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Jonathan Northridge

Please. Yeah, please. You're invited. So I hope to see you there. All right.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Thank you. Thanks so much. All right.

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Secretary Pyers

Request for a public hearing for an application by Still Thirsty LLC [d/b/a] Thirsty First Tavern, Bernadette Goose, proposed license manager, for an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for premises at 103 Market Street. It is requested that legal notice be published in local newspaper, and public hearing to be held on August 24, 2023, at 6 PM.

Commissioner Descoteaux

Motion made by Commissioner Taing seconded by Commissioner Mercier to hold a public hearing on August 24. Everyone in favor? Anyone opposed? Next

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Commissioner Descoteaux

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Commissioner Descoteaux

Motion by Commissioner Mercier seconded by Commissioner Krieger hold the public hearing at our next meeting on August 24. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion by Commissioner Krieger to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Howe, all in favor signify by saying Aye. Any of those ladies and gentlemen, have a great evening. [18:17]

Adjourn